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Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, it is respectfully
requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE TITLE

Please change the title to --IMPROVED METHOD FOR
AUTONEGOTIATING MULTIPLE DEVICES WITH A SHARED AUTONEGOTIATION
CONTROLLER--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 3, please insert the following heading and
paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

A1 This application is a continuation application of United
States Patent Application No. 09/092,389, filed on June 5, 1998
entitled MULTIPLE CHANNEL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WITH SHARED
AUTONEGOTIATION CONTROLLER.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 15-19 as follows: